



Republic of the Philippines
Province of Masbate
CITY OF MASBATE

Office of the City Mayor

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. **06**

Series of 2020

MANDATING THE IMMEDIATE CLOSURE OF DEPARTMENT STORES, INTERNET CAFES, TOURIST DESTINATIONS, ENTERTAINMENT/RECREATION/AMUSEMENT PLACES, OPEN DRY GOODS MARKET WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF MASBATE.

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Executive Secretary by the authority of His Excellency Rodrigo Roa Duterte, President of the Republic of the Philippines, signed a Memorandum Circular, re: Directives and Guidelines primarily intended to address the spread of the Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19);

WHEREAS, in consonance with Executive Order No. 05, Series of 2020 issued by the Honorable Antonio T. Kho, Provincial Governor, declaring and placing the entire Province of Masbate under a 'Community Quarantine';

WHEREAS, the afore-said Executive Order establishes preventive measures against the spread of COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, the City Mayor, by authority of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as "The Local Government Code of 1991," is empowered to issue 'executive orders' for the faithful and appropriate enforcement and execution of laws and ordinances.

SECTION I. DEFINITION OF TERMS:

- 1. DEPARTMENT STORES** – shall refer to LCC Mall located at Zurbito Street, Barangay Bapor, GAISANO Capital Mall located at Sitio Cagba, Barangay Tugbo, Sampaguita Department Store and NOVO Department Store both located at Quezon Street, Barangay Centro; Shimmery I (Tara Street), Shimmery II (Zurbito Street), Footstep all located at Barangay Pating, and 168 Department Store located at Zurbito Street, Barangay Bapor;
- 2. INTERNET CAFES** – shall refer to all existing business establishments catering to online or computer gaming for both adults and minors;
- 3. TOURIST DESTINATIONS** – shall refer to major tourist destinations such as, but not limited to, Buntod Reef, Mangrovetum, Pawa Mangrove Park and Bugsayon Marine Sanctuary in Barangay B. Titong;
- 4. ENTERTAINMENT/RECREATION/AMUSEMENT PLACES** – shall refer to Online Bingo and related games, videoke bars, public playgrounds, basketball courts, beaches, public parks, and wellness centers; and,
- 5. OPEN DRY GOODS MARKET** – shall refer to all 'ukay-ukay' businesses.

SECTION II. EXEMPTIONS. The following shall be considered lawful and exempted from the strict compliance of this Executive Order:

1. LCC Express Mart located at Quezon Street, Barangay Centro, GAISANO Capital Mall Supermarket located at Sitio Cagba, Barangay Tugbo, wet and flea markets, and other supermarkets, groceries, pharmacies, pawnshops and hardware, gasoline stations;
2. Tiangge and/or sidewalk vending shall be regulated in order to ensure 'social distancing' among vendors and customers;
3. Food Chains, restaurants and similar establishments shall continue to operate, provided, that no 'dining in' shall be allowed. Instead, take home and delivery services shall be encouraged.

SECTION III. ENFORCEMENT. Personnel and other deputized agents of the Masbate City Police Station (MCPS) shall be authorized to strictly enforce this Executive Order. The City Economic Enterprises Management Office, through the City Market Administration Office, are directed to implement regulatory and preventive measures within the vicinities of the wet and flea markets, including 'tiangge' and sidewalk vending.

Violators of the EO shall be subjected through the usual procedures and proper disposition.


NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROWENA R. TUASON, City Mayor of Masbate, by virtue of the powers vested upon me by law do hereby order

THE IMMEDIATE CLOSURE OF DEPARTMENT STORES, INTERNET CAFES, TOURIST DESTINATIONS, ENTERTAINMENT/RECREATION/AMUSEMENT PLACES, OPEN DRY GOODS MARKET WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF MASBATE.

WHEREAS, any and all previous issuances found to be inconsistent herewith are hereby deemed amended, modified and/or repealed accordingly; and,

WHEREAS, this shall become effective immediately upon dissemination and receipt of the Order.

DONE in the City of Masbate this 17th day of March, 2020.


ROWENA R. TUASON
City Mayor